

R-controlled Syllables: /er/ spelled ur

Objectives: TLW locate the /er/ sound in words. TLW read words with the /er/ sound spelled “ur” in isolation and in context.

Warm-up: Briefly review r-controlled syllables /ar/ and /er/ spelled “er.” Count syllables in multi-syllabic words that students will be seeing/hearing in the story used later in this lesson.

Procedures:

1. Briefly review what students have learned thus far about the r-controlled syllable type. If needed, you may need to provide a brief review of the other syllable types as well. State that our focus today is still the /er/ sound, but with the “ur” letter combination.
2. Do a phonemic awareness activity where students locate the /er/ sound (spelled “ur”) in words.
3. Explain that in the words used, the /er/ sound was represented by the letters “ur.” Explain that the /er/ sound spelled “ur” can be found at the beginning, middle, and end of words and syllables.
4. Practice reading the list of “Words with /er/ spelled ‘ur’” paper. Remember I do, We do, You do.
5. Call students’ attention to an exception concerning /er/ spelled “ur.”
In 2 syllable words, if /er/ spelled “ur” is at the end of the first syllable and the second syllable begins with a vowel sound, the “r” is doubled. (Ex: current, furry, hurry, hurrah) However, there are a few one syllable words where “r” is doubled at the end of them--(Ex: purr and burr.)
6. Practice reading the “ur” and “urr” words in the story **A Surprise on the Doorstep**. Remember I do, We do, You do.
7. Review that “ur” can also say the /er/ sound. Re-state the exceptions briefly.

*Follow-up with the /er/ spelled “ir” lesson.

Words with /er/ spelled “ur”

urn

nurse

purse

hurt

fur

purple

disturb

absurd

surprise

purpose

turban

excursion

A Surprise on the Doorstep

Once upon a time, there was a burly man named Curtis. Curtis lived in a town called Burma.

One day while Curtis was getting ready to take an excursion to his church, he was disturbed by a knock on his door. To his surprise, he saw a purple purse and an urn on his doorstep. When Curtis looked around to see who left the items at his door, he saw a man in a turban scurry away.

“How absurd!” Curtis said out loud. “What could be the purpose of all this?”

As he went to pick up the purple purse and the urn to bring them inside, Curtis heard a purr and saw a curly, furry tail sticking out of the purse. It was a cat! And, it appeared to be hurt. Curtis picked up the hurt cat, stroked its fur and said, “Don’t worry, friend. I’ll nurse you back to health.”

And he did just that!